

Vote Food Safety

MINISTER(S) RESPONSIBLE FOR APPROPRIATIONS: Minister for Food Safety (M33)

ADMINISTERING DEPARTMENT: Ministry for Primary Industries

MINISTER RESPONSIBLE FOR MINISTRY FOR PRIMARY INDUSTRIES: Minister for Primary Industries

Overview of the Vote

The Minister for Food Safety is responsible for appropriations in the Vote for the 2013/14 financial year covering the following:

- a total of nearly \$54 million (62% of the Vote) for justifying and delivering assurances to consumers and overseas authorities regarding food compliance with legislation (primary, secondary and tertiary) and for overseas market access requirements, including approval and registration activities
- a total of nearly \$5 million (6% of the Vote) for policy advice, legal analysis, and decision-making support regarding New Zealand's food regulatory framework and international arrangements
- a total of nearly \$2 million (2% of the Vote) for providing information to consumers and industry about food safety and suitability issues, and opportunities to enable consumers to make appropriate food choices
- a total of over \$5 million (6% of the Vote) for the investigation and response management of food-related events, complaints and suspected breaches of legislation, including the management of responses to food and food-related incidents and emergencies
- a total of nearly \$20 million (22% of the Vote) for setting standards relating to the development, implementation, monitoring and review of food safety, suitability and production for industry, developing other tools in conjunction with industry to aid compliance, and accessing scientific evidence in support of those standards
- a total of just over \$2 million (2% of the Vote) to support New Zealand's participation in joint food standards setting with Australia.

Details of these appropriations are set out in Parts 2-6 for Vote Food Safety in the *Information Supporting the Estimates of Appropriations*.

Details of Appropriations

Details of Annual and Permanent Appropriations

Titles and Scopes of Appropriations by Appropriation Type	2012/13		2013/14
	Budgeted \$000	Estimated Actual \$000	Budget \$000
Departmental Output Expenses			
<i>Assurance (M33)</i>	54,765	54,761	53,778
This appropriation is limited to justifying and delivering assurances to consumers, the public, overseas authorities and other stakeholders that food, food-related products and inputs into the production of food (whether undertaken or produced in New Zealand or imported) are managed, audited, approved, registered and/or monitored in accordance with New Zealand legislation and, for exports, relevant importing countries' market access requirements.			
<i>Development and Implementation of Policy Advice MCOA (M33)</i>	4,804	4,769	4,808
<i>Implementation of Policy Advice</i>	2,112	2,080	1,877
This output class is limited to implementing policy decisions, operational policy, and administering legislation relating to food safety matters, and ministerial servicing.			
<i>Policy Advice</i>	2,692	2,689	2,931
This output class is limited to the provision of advice (including second opinion advice and contributing to policy advice led by other agencies) to support decision-making by Ministers on Government policy matters relating to food safety.			
<i>Information (M33)</i>	1,404	1,402	1,473
This appropriation is limited to engagement of, and information for, stakeholders about food safety and suitability, to encourage participation in, and compliance with, the food regulatory programme, and to enable consumers to make appropriate food choices.			
<i>Response (M33)</i>	4,998	4,993	5,406
This appropriation is limited to the investigation of, preparedness for, and response to, food related events, incidents, emergencies, complaints and suspected breaches of legislation and taking appropriate sanctions and enforcement action.			
<i>Standards (M33)</i>	19,314	19,085	19,480
This appropriation is limited to the scientific inputs and development and implementation of food related standards (including as appropriate international and joint Australia/New Zealand standards) and standards related to inputs into food production, imports, exports, new and emerging issues and the domestic market.			
Total Departmental Output Expenses	85,285	85,010	84,945
Non-Departmental Other Expenses			
<i>Joint Food Standards Setting Treaty (M33)</i>	2,100	2,100	2,100
This appropriation is limited to the development of joint food standards, codes of practice, and guidance material for Australia and New Zealand by Food Standards Australia New Zealand in accordance with the Joint Food Standards Setting Treaty.			
Total Non-Departmental Other Expenses	2,100	2,100	2,100
Total Annual and Permanent Appropriations	87,385	87,110	87,045